



News Advisory

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Public Health Officials Receive Decontamination Equipment Training

- What:** The Utah Department of Health's (UDOH) Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program will train emergency responders, public clinic staff and public health officials in the proper setup and use of large shower units that could be used to decontaminate patients before they enter a hospital or clinic if exposed to chemicals or other hazards used by terrorists.
- Why:** The UDOH has placed portable decontamination units in all of Utah's acute care hospitals and 12 community health centers to prepare for terrorism or other situations where patients would need to be thoroughly decontaminated before entering a hospital or clinic. The units can be easily transported to areas where most needed in an emergency and were purchased with funds provided through a federal grant.
- Who:** Trainees include representatives from the Utah Department of Health, Health Clinics of Utah and the Salt Lake Valley Health Department.
- When:** Wednesday, May 17, 2006
12:30 - 1 p.m. Media may access the decontamination tents to film without training taking place.
1 – 1:30 p.m. Media may film the training as it occurs.
- Where:** Health Clinics of Utah
3195 South Main Street
Salt Lake City, UT
(The training will be held in the parking lot east(???) of the building.)

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